# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

In re:	§	Chapter 11
KRISJENN RANCH, LLC,	§	-
Debtor	§	Case No. 20-50805
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KRISJENN RANCH, LLC and	§	
KRISJENN RANCH, LLC-SERIES	§	
<b>UVALDE RANCH, and KRISJENN</b>	§	
RANCH, LLC-SERIES PIPELINE	§	
ROW as successors in interest to	§	
BLACKDUCK PROPERTIES, LLC,	§	
Plaintiffs		
33	§ § §	
v.	§	
	§	
DMA PROPERTIES, INC., and	§	
LONGBRANCH ENERGY, LP,	§	Adversary No. 20-05027
Defendants	<b>§</b>	·
DMA PROPERTIES, INC.,	§	
Cross-Plaintiff/Third Party Plaintiff	\$ §	
v.	<b>§</b> §	
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KRISJENN RANCH, LLC,	<b>§</b> §	
KRISJENN RANCH, LLC-SERIES	§	
UVALDE RANCH, and KRISJENN	§	
RANCH, LLC-SERIES PIPELINE ROW,	\$ §	Adversary No. 20-05027
BLACK DUCK PROPERTIES, LLC,	\$ §	
LARRY WRIGHT, and JOHN TERRILL,	\$ §	
Cross-Defendants/Third-Party	§	
Defendants	\$ §	

KRISJENN RANCH, LLC, KRISJENN RANCH, LLC-SERIES UVALDE RANCH, AND KRISJENN RANCH, LLC-SERIES PIPELINE ROW, AS SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST TO BLACK DUCK PROPERTIES, LLC'S SECOND AMENDED ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO THIRD PARTY PLAINTIFF DMA PROPERTIES, INC.'S AMENDED COUNTERCLAIMS AND THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT

#### TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF BANKRUPCY JUDGE RONALD B. KING:

COME NOW Debtors, Claimants, and Third-Party Defendants KrisJenn Ranch, LLC, KrisJenn Ranch, LLC-Series Uvalde Ranch, KrisJenn Ranch, LLC-Series Pipeline Row, and KrisJenn Ranch, LLC as successor in interest to Black Duck Properties, LLC (collectively the "Debtors"), hereby answering the Amended Complaint of Defendant and Third-Party Plaintiff DMA Properties, Inc. and would respectfully show as follows:

# **PARTIES**

- 1. Paragraph 1 is admitted.
- 2. Paragraph 2 is admitted.
- 3. Paragraph 3 is admitted.
- 4. Paragraph 4 is admitted.
- 5. Paragraph 5 is denied.
- 6. Paragraph 6 is admitted.
- 7. Paragraph 7 is admitted.
- 8. Paragraph 8 is admitted.
- 9. Paragraph 9 is admitted.
- 10. Paragraph 10 is admitted.

# **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 11. Paragraph 11 is admitted.
- 12. Paragraph 12 is admitted.
- 13. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 13. Debtors are not certain at this time whether adjudication of the claims herein are necessary to the effective reorganization of the Debtors.

14. Paragraph 14 is admitted.

# **SUMMARY OF DISPUTE**

15. Paragraph 15 is denied.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 16. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 16.
- 17. Debtors admit that Moore met Wright during a previous investment deal but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 17.
  - 18. Paragraph 18 is denied.
  - 19. Paragraph 19 is denied.
  - 20. Paragraph 20 is admitted.
- 21. Debtors admit that Wright and Moore formed Black Duck Properties, LLC but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 21.
- 22. Debtors admit that the ownership structure of Black Duck is stated correctly but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 22.
- 23. Debtors admit that Michael Rodgers handled the formation of Black Duck but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 23
- 24. Debtors deny that Moore found a buyer but otherwise admit the allegations made in Paragraph 24.
  - 25. Paragraph 25 is admitted.
- 26. Debtors deny that Moore took steps to purchase the right of way but otherwise admit the allegations made in Paragraph 26.

- 27. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 27.
- 28. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 28.
- 29. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 29.
  - 30. Paragraph 30 is admitted.
- 31. Paragraph 31 is admitted as to the accuracy of the text of the unexecuted Exhibit, but denied as to DMA's interpretation of the agreement.
  - 32. Paragraph 32 is admitted.
- 33. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 33.
  - 34. Paragraph 34 is denied.
- 35. The alleged representations made by Wright in Paragraph 35 are denied and Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of all other allegations made in Paragraph 35.
- 36. Debtors admit that Wright reimbursed the \$25,000, but otherwise deny the allegations in Paragraph 36.
- 37. Paragraph 37 is admitted as to the accuracy of the text, denied as to DMA's interpretation of the agreement.
  - 38. Paragraph 38 is admitted.
  - 39. Paragraph 39 is denied.

- 40. Debtors admit Black Duck paid for extensions but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 40.
  - 41. Paragraph 41 is denied.
  - 42. Paragraph 42 is denied.
  - 43. Paragraph 43 is denied.
  - 44. Paragraph 44 is denied.
- 45. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 45.
  - 46. Paragraph 46 is admitted.
- 47. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 47.
- 48. Debtors admit to the alleged closing date but otherwise lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 48.
- 49. The alleged representations made by Wright in Paragraph 49 are denied and Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of all other allegations made in Paragraph 49.
  - 50. Paragraph 50 is denied.
  - 51. Paragraph 51 is denied.
- 52. Debtors admit that a deed of trust was executed on January 18, 2018, and that documents were prepared by David Strolle and he was listed as the trustee, but all other allegations made in Paragraph 52 are denied.
- 53. Debtors admit that Black Duck sought a buyer for the right-of-way, but deny all other allegations made in Paragraph 53.

- 54. Debtors admit that Moore resigned from Black Duck, but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 54.
- 55. Debtors admit there was a written email with terms of resignation but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 55.
  - 56. Paragraph 56 is admitted.
  - 57. Paragraph 57 is admitted.
- 58. Debtors admit that the alleged documents were signed but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 58.
- 59. Paragraph 59 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a response is required, Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 59.
- 60. Paragraph 60 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required.

  To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 61. Paragraph 61 is admitted as to the accuracy of the text, denied as to DMA's interpretation of the agreement.
  - 62. Paragraph 62 is admitted.
  - 63. Paragraph 63 is admitted as to the text, denied as to enforceability.
  - 64. Paragraph 64 is admitted.
  - 65. Paragraph 65 is denied.
- 66. Debtors admit a letter of intent was proposed by John Terrill and signed by Larry Wright but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 66.
- 67. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 67.

- 68. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 68.
  - 69. Paragraph 69 is admitted.
  - 70. Paragraph 70 is admitted.
- 71. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 71.
- 72. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 72.
- 73. Debtors admit that there was a meeting between the stated persons but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 73.
- 74. Debtors admit that the parties drove to the right of way but lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of all other allegations made in Paragraph 74.
  - 75. Paragraph 75 is admitted.
- 76. Debtors admit that Borders called Moore but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 76.
  - 77. Paragraph 77 is admitted.
  - 78. Paragraph 78 is denied.
- 79. Debtors deny there was radio silence but lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 79.
- 80. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 80.
  - 81. Paragraph 81 is admitted.

- 82. Paragraph 82 is denied as to the percentage of Black Duck's retained interest, but is otherwise admitted.
- 83. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 83.
  - 84. Paragraph 84 is admitted.
- 85. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 85.
  - 86. Paragraph 86 is denied.
  - 87. Paragraph 87 is denied.
  - 88. Paragraph 88 is denied.
- 89. Debtors admit to the actions were taken by David Strolle, but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 89.
  - 90. Paragraph 90 is admitted.
  - 91. Paragraph 91 is denied.
- 92. Debtors deny the existence of a "peaceful resolution" but otherwise admit the allegations made in Paragraph 92.
- 93. Debtors admit that KrisJenn Ranch, LLC Series Pipeline ROW paid \$2.5 million, but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 93.
- 94. Debtors admit that the foreclosure occurred but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 94.
- 95. Debtors deny there has been a request for records other than through litigation but otherwise admit the allegations made in Paragraph 95.
  - 96. Paragraph 96 is denied.

- 97. The allegations made in paragraph 97 are admitted to the extent suits were filed but otherwise denied.
- 98. Debtors admit that the Court held the venue was not proper but otherwise deny the allegations in Paragraph 98.
- 99. Debtors admit that the summary judgment was denied but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 99.
  - 100. Paragraph 100 is admitted.
- 101. It is admitted that Wright, as principal of the Debtor entities, filed for bankruptcy protection and that he provided discovery responses prior to the bankruptcy filing and that Wright, on behalf of KrisJenn, voluntarily provided responsive documents after the bankruptcy filing. The allegations made in Paragraph 101 are otherwise denied.
  - 102. Paragraph 102 is denied.
  - 103. Paragraph 103 is denied.
- 104. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 104.

#### CLAIMS RELATED TO THE PIPELINE RIGHT OF WAY

# **CLAIM 1: BREACH OF CONTRACT**

- 105. In response to Paragraph 105, Debtors reassert all of their responses to Paragraphs 1 to 104 of Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and Amended Counterclaim and incorporate the same by reference.
- Paragraph 106 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

- Debtors admit the requests correctly quotes the language used in the agreement but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 107.
  - 108. Paragraph 108 is denied.
- 109. Paragraph 109 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 110 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 111. Debtors admit that KrisJenn Ranch, LLC is successor-in-interest to Black Duck but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 111.
  - 112. Paragraph 112 is denied.
- Paragraph 113 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 114 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

#### **CLAIM 2: MONEY HAD AND RECEIVED**

- 115. In response to Paragraph 115, Debtors reassert all of their responses to Paragraphs 1 to 114 of Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and Amended Counterclaim and incorporate the same by reference.
  - 116. Paragraph 116 is denied.

- 117. Paragraph 117 is denied.
- Paragraph 118 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

### **CLAIM 3: BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY**

- 119. In response to Paragraph 119, Debtors reassert all of their responses to Paragraphs 1 to 118 of Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and Amended Counterclaim and incorporate the same by reference.
- Paragraph 120 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 121. Debtors admit that the original sale to TCRG, the \$2.5 million, was used to repay debt from the original pipeline purchase but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 121.
- Paragraph 122 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 123 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 124 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

- Paragraph 125 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 126 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

# **CLAIM 4: KNOWING PARTICIPATION IN BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY**

- 127. In response to Paragraph 127, Debtors reassert all of their responses to Paragraphs 1 to 126 of Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and Amended Counterclaim and incorporate the same by reference.
- 128. Paragraph 128 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 129 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 130. Debtors admit that Larry Wright has an ownership in the KrisJenn entities but otherwise deny the allegations made in Paragraph 130.
- Paragraph 131 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

- Paragraph 132 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 133. Paragraph 133 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 134 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 135. Paragraph 135 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 136 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 137. Paragraph 137 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 138. Paragraph 138 states a request for relief and conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

### **CLAIM 5: TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH CONTRACT**

- 139. In response to Paragraph 139, Debtors reassert all of their responses to Paragraphs 1 to 138 of Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and Amended Counterclaim and incorporate the same by reference.
- Paragraph 140 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 141 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 142 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 143 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

### **CLAIM 6: FRAUDULENT INDUCEMENT**

- 144. In response to Paragraph 144, Debtors reassert all of their responses to Paragraphs 1 to 143 of Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and Amended Counterclaim and incorporate the same by reference.
- Paragraph 145 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

- Paragraph 146 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 147 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 148 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 149 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 150. Paragraph 150 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 151. Paragraph 151 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

#### **CLAIM 7: FRAUD**

152. In response to Paragraph 152, Debtors reassert all of their responses to Paragraphs 1 to 151 of Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and Amended Counterclaim and incorporate the same by reference.

- Paragraph 153 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 154. Paragraph 154 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 155 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 156. Paragraph 156 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 157. Paragraph 157 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 158. Paragraph 158 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 159. Paragraph 159 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

- Paragraph 160 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 161 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 162. Paragraph 162 states a request for relief and conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

#### **CLAIM 8: CIVIL CONSPIRACY**

- 163. In response to Paragraph 163, Debtors reassert all of their responses to Paragraphs 1 to 162 of Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and Amended Counterclaim and incorporate the same by reference.
- Paragraph 164 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 165 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

### **CLAIM 9: UNJUST ENRICHMENT**

166. In response to Paragraph 166, Debtors reassert all of their responses to Paragraphs

1 to 165 of Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and Amended Counterclaim and incorporate the same
by reference.

- Paragraph 167 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 168 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

# **CLAIM 10: DECLARATORY RELIEF**

- 169. In response to Paragraph 169, Debtors reassert all of their responses to Paragraphs 1 to 168 of Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and Amended Counterclaim and incorporate the same by reference.
- 170. Paragraph 170 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 171 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- Paragraph 172 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 173. Paragraph 173 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

Paragraph 174 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

# **ATTORNEY'S FEES**

175. Paragraph 175 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this Paragraph are denied.

### CLAIMS RELATED TO THE BIGFOOT NOTE PAYMENTS

### **CLAIM 1: BREACH OF CONTRACT**

- 176. In response to Paragraph 176, Debtors reassert all of their responses to Paragraphs 1 to 175 of Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and Amended Counterclaim and incorporate the same by reference.
- 177. Paragraph 177 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 178. Debtors admit that Paragraph 178 correctly states the parties written agreement but otherwise deny the allegations made therein.
- 179. Debtors admit that Paragraph 179 correctly states the parties written agreement but otherwise deny the allegations made therein.
- 180. Paragraph 180 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

- Paragraph 181 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 182. Debtors admit that KrisJenn Ranch, LLC is the successor in interest to Black Duck but otherwise deny the allegations in Paragraph 182.
  - 183. Paragraph 183 is denied.
- Paragraph 184 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 185. Paragraph 185 states a request for relief and conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

### **CLAIM 2: CONVERSION**

- 186. In response to Paragraph 186, Debtors reassert all of their responses to Paragraphs 1 to 185 of Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and Amended Counterclaim and incorporate the same by reference.
  - 187. Paragraph 187 is denied.
  - 188. Paragraph 188 is denied.
- 189. Paragraph 189 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
  - 190. Paragraph 190 is denied.

- 191. Debtors lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief about the truth of the allegations made in Paragraph 191.
- 192. Paragraph 192 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 193. Paragraph 193 states request for relief and conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 194. Paragraph 194 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

# **CLAIM 3: MONEY HAD AND RECEIVED**

- 195. In response to Paragraph 195, Debtors reassert all of their responses to Paragraphs 1 to 194 of Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and Amended Counterclaim and incorporate the same by reference.
  - 196. Paragraph 196 is denied.
  - 197. Paragraph 197 is denied.
- 198. Paragraph 198 states a request for relief to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 199. Paragraph 199 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

### **CLAIM 4: BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY**

- 200. In response to Paragraph 200, Debtors reassert all of their responses to Paragraphs 1 to 199 of Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and Amended Counterclaim and incorporate the same by reference.
- 201. Paragraph 201 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 202. Debtors admit that KrisJenn Ranch, LLC is successor in interest to Black Duck but otherwise deny the allegations in Paragraph 202.
- 203. Paragraph 203 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 204. Paragraph 204 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 205. Paragraph 205 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

#### **CLAIM 5: UNJUST ENRICHMENT**

- 206. In response to Paragraph 206, Debtors reassert all of their responses to Paragraphs 1 to 205 of Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and Amended Counterclaim and incorporate the same by reference.
  - 207. Paragraph 207 is denied.

208. Paragraph 208 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

# **CLAIM 6: DECLARATORY RELIEF**

- 209. In response to Paragraph 209, Debtors reassert all of their responses to Paragraphs 1 to 208 of Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and Amended Counterclaim and incorporate the same by reference.
- 210. Paragraph 210 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 211. Paragraph 211 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 212. Paragraph 212 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.
- 213. Paragraph 213 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

#### **ATTORNEY'S FEES**

214. Paragraph 214 states conclusions of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent a responsive pleading is required, the allegations in this paragraph are denied.

The remainder of Third-Party Plaintiff's Amended Counterclaims and Third-Party Claims consist of a prayer for relief, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, Debtors deny DMA Properties, Inc is entitled to the requested relief or any relief whatsoever.

#### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 215. Defendants and Counter-Claimants' counterclaims are barred, in whole or in part, because they lack standing to sue.
- Defendants and Counter-Claimants' counterclaims are barred, in whole or in part, due to unilateral or mutual mistake. Debtors are entitled to have the contracts in controversy rescinded or revised as a result of such unilateral or mutual mistake.
- 217. Defendants and Counter-Claimants' counterclaims are barred, in whole or in part, due to subsequent modification of the Agreement.
- 218. Defendants and Counter-Claimants' counterclaims are barred, in whole or in part, by impossibility of performance.
  - 219. Defendants and Counter-Claimants' counterclaims are barred by illegality.
- 220. Defendant and Counter-Claimants' counterclaims are subject to the limits imposed on a third-party beneficiary's recovery.
- 221. Defendant and Counter-Claimants' third-party counterclaims are subject to all waiver and limitation provisions contained in the Company Agreement of Black Duck Properties, LLC, including but not limited to the waivers contained in Section 13.14 of such agreement: Waiver of Exemplary or Punitive Damages.
- 222. Defendants and Counter-Claimants' equitable counterclaims are barred, in whole or in part, because they have unclean hands.

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223. Defendants and Counter-Claimants' tort claims are contractual in nature and are

barred by the economic loss rule.

Debtors assert the defense of justification. 224.

225. Debtors assert the defense of proportionate responsibility and assert that the

damages alleged by Defendants and Counter-Claimants were legally and proximately caused in

whole or in part by the negligence, fault, negligence per se, and/or other culpable conduct of other

persons or parties who failed to exercise the same degree of care and caution as would have been

exercised by persons using ordinary care in the same or similar circumstances. Debtors are

therefore entitled to have the Court and Jury apply the doctrine of proportionate responsibility

established by Chapter 33 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code, to reduce any judgment

against them by the degree of negligence or fault attributable to any other person or party.

226. Debtors are entitled to have any debts or liabilities owed to the Defendants and

Counterclaimants offset by any and all amounts owed by SCMED Oilfield Consulting, LLC,

including but not limited those debts owed pursuant to Section 14.10, Indemnification, and Section

14.01 Offset.

WHEREFORE PREMESIS CONSIDERED Debtors, Claimants, and Third-Party

Defendants KrisJenn Ranch, LLC, KrisJenn Ranch, LLC-Series Uvalde Ranch, KrisJenn Ranch,

LLC-Series Pipeline Row, and KrisJenn Ranch, LLC as Successor In Interest to Black Duck

Properties, LLC pray for a judgment dismissing the Complaint with prejudice and for such further

relief as the Court may deemed them justly entitled.

Dated: October 28, 2020

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# Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all counsel of record by way of e-service through the CM/ECF system by notice of electronic filing or via email on the 28th day of October 2020:

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